

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Miller, on February 3, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Miller, Chair (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)  
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Megan Moore, Legislative Branch  
Erica Siate, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 287, 1/28/2015; HB 262, 1/28/2015; HB 235, 1/28/2015

00:01:22 Chair Miller

### **HEARING ON HB 235**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:36 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 235, Revise disposition of metalliferous mines license tax.

#### **EXHIBIT(tah24a01)**

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:05 Tammy Johnson, Executive Director, The Montana Mining Association

00:06:53 Matt Vincent, Chief Executive, Butte, Silverbow County

00:09:46 Donette Gleason, Finance and Budget Director, Butte-Silverbow County

00:12:00 Mark Lambrecht, Treasure State Resource Organization

00:12:58 Susan Mosness, Sweetgrass County Commissioner

#### **EXHIBIT(tah24a02)**

00:15:15 Maureen Davey, Commissioner, Stillwater County and First Vice President, Montana Association of Counties

#### **EXHIBIT(tah24a03)**

00:17:04 Ronda Wiggers, Barrick Golden Sunlight Mine

00:18:56 Jim Hart, Chairman, Madison County of the Board of Commissioners and Montana Association of Hard Rock Mining Counties

00:19:32 Sen. Sesso, SD 37

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:17 Rep. Cook

00:23:05 Sen. Sesso, SD 37

00:24:12 Rep. Flynn

00:24:29 Rep. Lynch

00:24:54 Rep. Williams

00:25:04 Tammy Johnson, Executive Director, The Montana Mining Association

00:25:44 Rep. Williams

00:26:15 Donette Gleason, Finance and Budget Director, Butte-Silverbow County

00:28:31 Rep. Williams

00:29:26 Matt Vincent, Chief Executive, Butte-Silverbow County

00:30:06 Rep. Schwaderer

00:30:52 Rep. Lynch

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:26 Rep. Lynch

**HEARING ON HB 262****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:32:41 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 262, Revise resort tax laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:36:20 Glen Loomis, Town of West Yellowstone

00:43:27 Lavin left the meeting.

00:46:39 Kevin Germain, Big Sky Chamber of Commerce

**EXHIBIT(tah24a04)**

00:51:49 Dave Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:53:09 Jim Hart, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:28 Rep. Zolnikov

00:55:52 Rep. White

00:56:11 Rep. Lieser

00:57:01 Rep. White

00:57:56 Rep. Lieser

00:58:18 Rep. White

00:59:17 Rep. Lieser

00:59:40 Rep. White

01:00:36 Rep. Flynn

01:01:00 Glen Loomis, Town of West Yellowstone

01:01:27 Rep. Flynn

01:01:42 Glen Loomis, Town of West Yellowstone

01:03:37 Rep. Flynn

01:04:07 Glen Loomis, Town of West Yellowstone

01:05:58 Rep. Jacobson

01:06:40 Chair Miller

01:06:58 Rep. Jacobson

01:07:04 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:07:33 Rep. Jacobson

01:07:45 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

01:08:41 Rep. Jacobson

01:09:53 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

01:10:31 Megan Moore, LSD

01:10:57 Rep. Cook

01:11:41 Rep. White

01:13:15 Rep. Cook

01:14:19 Rep. White

01:15:17 Rep. Williams

01:17:38 Rep. White

01:18:09 Megan Moore, LSD

01:18:40 Rep. White  
01:18:52 Rep. Williams  
01:19:52 Rep. Hertz  
01:20:12 Rep. White  
01:21:28 Rep. Hertz  
01:21:55 Rep. White  
01:22:00 Chair Miller  
01:22:13 Rep. White  
01:22:36 Chair Miller  
01:22:48 Rep. White

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:23:37 Rep. White  
  
01:25:09 Recessed  
01:32:43 Reconvened  
01:32:43 Rep. Dunwell entered the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 287**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:32:52 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 287, Revise residential property tax credit for the elderly.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:40:27 Bryce Fowler, Volunteer Advocate, AARP  
01:42:18 Jim Nolan, Montana Human Resource Development Councils (HRDC)  
01:43:02 Sen. Sesso, SD 37  
01:46:02 Karen Heisler, Volunteer Tax Preparer, Rural Dynamics  
01:47:21 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:49:07 Shona McHugh, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:49:31 Rep. Hertz  
01:50:10 Rep. Jacobson  
01:51:33 Rep. Olszewski  
01:52:29 Rep. Jacobson  
01:52:35 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:53:19 Rep. Williams  
01:54:32 Rep. Jacobson  
01:56:03 Megan Moore, LSD  
01:57:04 Rep. Dunwell  
01:57:18 Rep. Jacobson  
01:57:25 Rep. Schwaderer  
01:58:37 Shona McHugh, DOR  
01:58:50 Rep. Schwaderer

01:59:28 Shona McHugh, DOR  
01:59:36 Rep. Schwaderer  
02:00:19 Shona McHugh, DOR  
02:00:43 Rep. Custer  
02:01:02 Shona McHugh, DOR  
02:01:15 Rep. Zolnikov  
02:01:48 Rep. Jacobson  
02:03:03 Rep. Hertz  
02:03:17 Jim Nolan, Montana Human Resource Development Councils  
02:03:30 Rep. Hertz  
02:04:07 Jim Nolan, Montana Human Resource Development Councils

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:04:54 Rep. Jacobson

02:06:49 Chair Miller

02:07:10 Rep. Hertz

02:07:33 Chair Miller

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:08:05

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Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([tah24aad.pdf](#))**